GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DIVERSION OF FUNDS UNDER SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether some cases of diversion of funds by State Governments under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) has come to the notice of the Union Government;

(b) If so, the details thereof during each of last three years, State-wise and UT-wsie;

(c) Whether the State Governments have recouped the SSA fund after instruction of the Union Government;

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) The steps taken or being taken by the Government to ensure that SSA fund is not diverted?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A.FATMI)

(a) to (e) The report on the Performance Audit of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), submitted by the Comptroller & Auditor General of India 2005-06 for the period 2001-02 to 2004-05 has classified an amount of about Rs.6.8 crore in Assam, Rs.15.8 crore in Bihar,Rs.22.9 crore in Gujarat, Rs.4.7 crore in Karnataka, Rs.0.2 crore in Madhya Pradesh and Rs.0.5 crore in Tamil Nadu as expenditure not covered under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan(SSA) guidelines. The State Project Director SSA Andhra Pradesh informed that an amount of Rs.14.98 crore of District Primary Education Programme (DPEP)/SSA had been diverted to unauthorized bank accounts by an assistant account officer of SSA Andhra Pradesh.

Government of India has issued instructions to the States/UTs to refund the above mentioned amount to States SSA account. Rs.5.57 crore from Assam, Rs. 1.44 crore from Bihar, Rs.22.92 crore from Gujarat and Rs.2.43 crore from Karnataka have been recouped.

In Andhra Pradesh, an FIR has been lodged and the matter referred to the CID for further investigations by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. The State Government has also suspended three account officials and transferred another three out of the State Project Officer of SSA/DPEP.

The State/UTs have already been strictly instructed to avoid recurrence of such instances in future. Govt. of India is monitoring the use of SSA funds through annual State/UT audits, independent concurrent financial reviews and field monitoring through 41 independent Monitoring Institutions.